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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

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CURRENT COINS.

The coins of the United States now regularly issued under authorization of law are:

Denomination.	Standard weight.	Weight tolerance allowed by law.	Lowest legal weight.	Standard fineness.	Deviation from fineness allowed.
GOLD COINS.					
	<i>Grains.</i>	<i>Grains.</i>	<i>Grains.</i>	<i>Thousandths.</i>	<i>Thousandths.</i>
Double eagle.....	516	0.50	515.50	900	1
Eagle.....	258	.50	257.50	900	1
Half eagle.....	129	.25	128.75	900	1
Quarter eagle.....	64.5	.25	64.25	900	1
SILVER COINS.					
Dollar.....	412.5	1.5	411	900	3
Half dollar.....	192.9	1.5	191.40	900	3
Quarter dollar.....	96.45	1.5	94.95	900	3
Dime.....	38.98	1.5	37.08	900	3
MINOR COINS.					
Five cents (nickel).....	77.16	3	74.16	(1)	.....
One cent (bronze).....	48	2	46	(2)	.....

¹ 75 per cent copper, 25 per cent nickel.

² 95 per cent copper, 5 per cent tin and zinc.

The coinage of the following ceased in the years named: Half and one cent, copper, in 1857; one cent, nickel, 1864; half dime and three cents, silver, and two cents, bronze, 1873; twenty cents, silver, 1878; trade dollar, 1883; one dollar and three dollars, gold, and three cents, nickel, 1889; standard silver dollar, 1904.

Under the act of April 23, 1918, the coinage of silver dollars was resumed in 1921 for the purpose of replacing an equal number of dollar coins melted under that act. Between February 21, 1921, and December 29, 1921, 86,730,000 such dollars were minted, of the type coined from 1878 to 1904. Since December 29, 1921, a new design known as the "Peace" dollar, has been used.

COMMEMORATIVE AND MEMORIAL COINS.

The following commemorative and memorial coins have been made, but they are not obtainable at the mints nor at the Treasury; they were distributed (usually at a premium) by the organizations having charge of the pertinent activities:

The Columbian silver half dollar, authorized by act of August 5, 1892, was coined in 1892 and 1893, and the Isabella silver quarter dollar, struck under act of March 3, 1893, in 1893, were for the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893.

The Lafayette silver dollar was struck under act of March 3, 1899, in 1899, the date on the coin (1900) being that of the unveiling of the memorial during the exposition in Paris, France.

The special gold dollars for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held at St. Louis, Mo., in 1903, were coined under act of June 28, 1902, in 1902 and 1903, but have no coinage date upon them. Two types were struck, one showing the head of Thomas Jefferson and the other that of William McKinley.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition gold dollar was struck in 1904 and 1905, under act of April 13, 1904, the exposition being held at Portland, Oregon, in 1905.

The act of Congress of January 16, 1915, authorized the striking of fifty, two and a half, and one dollar gold pieces, also silver half dollars, for the Panama-Pacific Exposition Co., all stamped with the date 1915. There were two types of the fifty-dollar piece, one being round and the other octagonal in shape. The exposition was held in San Francisco, Calif., in 1915, and the coins were struck at the mint in that city.

The McKinley gold dollar was authorized by act of February 23, 1916; the coins were struck in 1916 and 1917, for the McKinley Memorial Association, in connection with the erection of a memorial building at Niles, Ohio, the birthplace of William McKinley.

The Illinois Centennial silver half dollar was authorized by act of June 1, 1918, and struck the same year, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of that State into the Union.

The Maine Centennial silver half dollar was authorized by act of May 10, 1920, and struck the same year, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Maine into the Union.

The Alabama Centennial silver half dollar was authorized May 10, 1920, but not struck until October, 1921. The coins were placed on sale at Birmingham, Ala., during the visit of President Harding, October 29; they commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Alabama into the Union.

The Pilgrim Tercentenary silver half dollar was authorized May 12, 1920, and struck in 1920 and 1921, to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Mass.

The Missouri Centennial silver half dollar was authorized March 4, 1921, and struck the same year, for the exposition and State fair held at Sedalia, Mo., in August, 1921, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State into the Union.

The Grant Memorial coins, gold dollar and silver half dollar, were authorized February 2, 1922, and were struck in 1922, to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant.

The Monroe Doctrine Centennial silver half dollar was authorized January 24, 1923, and coined the same year, in the San Francisco Mint, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the enunciation of the Monroe doctrine.

The Walloon-Huguenot silver half dollar, authorized by the act of February 26, 1923, was struck in 1924, to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the settlement by the Walloons and the Huguenots of New Netherlands (the Middle States) in 1624.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The mints do not buy nor sell old coins or paper money.

The mints do not undertake to pass upon the value or character of coins or paper money or decide questions in numismatics, whether referring to the money of the United States or foreign countries. Application for such information should be made to collectors or dealers in coins or editors of coin magazines.

The mints will not furnish the names of coin dealers or of anyone interested in the collection of coins.

The mints can only supply coins of the current year, or, possibly, early in the year, those of the preceding year.

The mints have no proof coins, pattern, or experimental pieces for sale.

The Government pays no premium for the return of any of its coins or paper money.

The mints do not publish and can not supply any book or list giving the prices of old coins or paper money, nor any printed matter descriptive of the mint buildings or the coinage operations.

The mints have nothing to do with paper money. All questions relating to paper money should be referred to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Mint marks.—Coins struck at the Philadelphia Mint have no mint mark. Those struck at all other mints of the United States are distinguished by a small letter near the bottom of the coin. These letters are: "C" for Charlotte, N. C., coinage discontinued in 1861; "CC" for Carson City, Nev., discontinued in 1893; "D" for Dahlonega, Ga., discontinued in 1861, and for Denver, Colo., since 1906; "O" for New Orleans, La., where coinage ceased in 1909; and "S" for San Francisco, Calif.

MEDALS.

(For sale by superintendent United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.)

A list of medals of a national character which can be supplied on order, and the prices thereof, will be found on the following pages.

Private-medal dies can not, under the law, be prepared at the mint, but when the regular business of the mint will permit medals may be struck from dies furnished by individuals, public institutions, and incorporated societies, at a charge sufficient to cover the cost of the operation and the value of the metal.

The remittance should accompany the order and should be in cash or money order.

The mint has no bank account, therefore can not use checks or drafts on banks outside of Philadelphia.

Make money orders payable to the "Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa."

The prices given in this circular are for delivery over the counter. If the medals are to be sent by registered or ordinary mail or express, the charge for this service must be paid by the purchaser in advance. If the remittance does not include postage or express charges, the package will be sent by express, "Charges collect," at the risk of the purchaser.

Mutilated or uncurrent United States gold and silver coin is purchased as bullion, the gold at the rate of \$18.60 per ounce troy, and the silver at the rate (approximate market rate for silver bullion) fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint.

PRICE LIST OF MEDALS.

(For sale by Superintendent U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.)

PRESIDENTIAL.

The presidential medals were formerly called "Indian peace medals," from the practice of the War Department in giving them as a friendly peace offering to Indians.

No.	NAME.	Bronze.	Size.	Engraver.
1	Washington.....	\$1.00	48	Duvivier.
2	John Adams.....	1.00	48	Unknown.
3	Thomas Jefferson.....	1.00	48	Reich.
4	James Madison.....	1.00	48	Do.
5	James Monroe.....	1.00	48	Fürst.
6	John Q. Adams.....	1.00	48	Do.
7	Andrew Jackson.....	1.00	48	Do.
8	Martin Van Buren.....	1.00	48	Do.
9	William Henry Harrison.....	1.00	48	Morgan.
10	John Tyler.....	1.00	48	Unknown.
11	James K. Polk.....	1.00	48	Do.
12	Zachary Taylor.....	1.00	48	Do.
13	Millard Fillmore.....	1.00	48	Ellis & Willson.
14	Franklin Pierce.....	1.00	48	Do.
15	James Buchanan.....	1.00	48	Do.
16	Abraham Lincoln.....	1.00	48	Morgan.
17	Andrew Johnson.....	1.00	48	Paquet.
18	Ulysses S. Grant.....	1.00	48	W. Barber.
19	Rutherford B. Hayes.....	1.00	48	Morgan.
20	James A. Garfield.....	1.00	48	C. Barber & Morgan.
21	Chester A. Arthur.....	1.00	48	C. Barber.
22	Grover Cleveland.....	1.00	48	C. Barber & Morgan.
23	Benjamin Harrison.....	1.00	48	Do.
24	William McKinley.....	1.00	48	Do.
25	Theodore Roosevelt.....	1.00	48	Do.
26	William H. Taft.....	1.00	48	Morgan.
27	Woodrow Wilson.....	1.00	48	Do.
28	Warren G. Harding.....	1.00	48	Do.
29	Calvin Coolidge.....	1.00	48	Do.

¹ The sizes of the medals are given in sixteenths of an inch.

PRICE LIST OF MEDALS—Continued.

(For sale by Superintendent U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.)

ARMY.

[The dies of the first eight medals, commemorating events of the American Revolution and the War of 1812, were executed in France.]

No.	Description.	Resolution of Congress.	Gold.	Silver. ²	Bronze.	Size. ¹	Engraver.
1	Washington before Boston.....	Mar. 25, 1776	.....	\$5.15	\$2.00	42	Duvivier.
2	Maj. Gen. Gates, for Saratoga.....	Nov. 4, 1777	.....	3.15	1.50	34	Gatteaux.
3	Brig. Gen. Morgan, for Cowpens.....	Mar. 9, 1781	.....	3.00	1.50	25	Dupré.
4	Lieut. Col. John E. Howard, for same.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	28	Duvivier.
5	Lieut. Col. W. A. Washington, for same.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	28	Do.
6	Count De Fluery, for Stony Point.....	July 26, 1779	.....	.....	1.25	25	Do.
7	Maj. Gen. Anthony Wayne, for same.....	.....	.....	3.15	1.50	33	Gatteaux.
8	Maj. Henry Lee, Paulus Hook.....	Sept. 24, 1779	.....	2.55	1.50	29	J. Wright.
9	Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Greene, for Eutaw Springs.....	Oct. 29, 1781	.....	3.30	1.50	36	Dupré.
10	Maj. Gen. Scott, for Chippewa and Niagara.....	Nov. 3, 1814	.....	4.05	1.50	40	Fürst.
11	Maj. Gen. Gaines, for Fort Erie.....	.....	.....	4.05	1.50	40	Do.
12	Maj. Gen. Porter, for Chippewa, Niagara, and Erie.....	.....	.....	4.05	1.50	40	Do.
13	Maj. Gen. Brown, for same.....	.....	.....	4.05	1.50	40	Do.
14	Brig. Gen. Miller, for same.....	.....	.....	4.05	1.50	40	Do.
15	Brig. Gen. Ripley, for same.....	.....	.....	4.20	1.50	40	Do.
16	Maj. Gen. Macomb, Battle of Plattsburgh.....	.....	.....	4.20	1.50	40	Do.
17	Maj. Gen. Jackson, Battle of New Orleans.....	Feb. 27, 1815	.....	4.20	1.50	40	Do.
18	Maj. Gen. Harrison, for Thames.....	Apr. 4, 1813	.....	4.05	1.50	40	Do.
19	Gov. Isaac Shelby, for same.....	.....	.....	4.05	1.50	40	Do.
20	Col. George Croghan, for Sandusky.....	Feb. 13, 1813	.....	4.05	1.50	40	Do.
21	Maj. Gen. Taylor, for Palo Alto.....	July 16, 1846	.....	4.05	1.50	40	Chapman & Peale.
22	Maj. Gen. Taylor, for Monterey.....	Mar. 2, 1847	.....	4.05	1.50	40	Unknown.
23	Maj. Gen. Taylor, for Buena Vista.....	May 9, 1848	.....	10.20	3.00	56	C. C. Wright.
24	Maj. Gen. Scott, for battles in Mexico.....	Mar. 9, 1848	.....	10.20	3.00	56	Do.
25	Maj. Gen. Grant.....	Dec. 17, 1863	.....	18.80	5.00	64	Paquet.
26	Pennsylvania Volunteers, action on Lake Erie.....	.....	.....	3.75	1.50	38	Fürst.
27	Maj. Gen. Scott (Commonwealth of Virginia).....	.....	.....	10.20	3.00	56	C. C. Wright.
28	Col. Armstrong (village of Kiltanning).....	.....	.....	2.25	1.00	27	Unknown.

NAVY.

No.	Description.	Date.	Gold.	Silver. ²	Bronze.	Size. ¹	Engraver.
1	John Paul Jones, for Serapis.....	Oct. 16, 1781	.....	\$3.60	\$1.50	36	Dupré.
2	Capt. Thomas Truxton, for action with La Vendée.....	Mar. 29, 1800	.....	3.45	1.50	35	Unknown.
3	Capt. Preble, before Tripoli.....	Mar. 3, 1805	.....	4.05	1.50	40	Reich.
4	Capt. Hull, for capture of Guerrière.....	Jan. 29, 1813	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
5	Capt. Jacob Jones, for capture of Frolic.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	40	Fürst.
6	Capt. Decatur, for capture of Macedonian.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
7	Capt. Bainbridge, for capture of Java.....	Mar. 3, 1813	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
8	Capt. Burrows, for capture of Boxer.....	Jan. 6, 1814	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
9	Lieut. McCall, for same.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
10	Capt. Perry, capture of British fleet on Lake Erie.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
11	Capt. Elliot, for same.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
12	Capt. Lawrence, for capture of Peacock.....	Jan. 11, 1814	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
13	Capt. Macdonough, for capture of British fleet on Lake Champlain.....	May 20, 1814	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
14	Capt. Huxley, for same.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
15	Lieut. Cassin, for same.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.

¹ The sizes of the medals are given in sixteenths of an inch.

² The cost stated for gold and silver medals is an approximate estimate only.

PRICE LIST OF MEDALS—Continued.

(For sale by Superintendent U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.)

NAVY—Continued.

No.	Description.	Resolution of Congress.	Gold.	Silver.	Bronze.	Size.	Engraver.
16	Capt. Warrington, for capture of Epervier.	Oct. 21, 1814	.....	.....	\$1.50	40	Fürst.
17	Capt. Blakely, for capture of Reindeer.	Nov. 3, 1814	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
18	Capt. Biddle, for capture of Penguin.	Feb. 22, 1816	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
19	Capt. Stewart, for capture of Cyane and Levant.	.....do.....	.....	.....	1.50	40	Do.
20	Rescue of officers and crew of brig Somers.	Mar. 3, 1847	.....	.....	1.50	36	C. C. Wright.
21	Capt. Ingraham.	Aug. 4, 1854	.....	\$18.80	5.00	64	Cross & Longacre.
22	Capt. Perry (State of Pennsylvania), capture of fleet on Lake Erie.	.....	.....	.....	1.50	38	Fürst.
23	Cornelius Vanderbilt.	Jan. 28, 1864	.....	6.35	2.00	48	Ellis.
24	Capt. Creighton, Low, and Stillar, wreck of steamer San Francisco.	.....	.....	6.05	2.00	47	Unknown.
25	Same, by Congress.	July 26, 1866	.....	6.80	2.00	50	Paquet.
26	Commodore M. C. Perry, from merchants of Boston.	.....	.....	4.05	1.50	40	F. N. Mitchell.
27	Metis (shipwreck) medal.	Feb. 24, 1873	.....	3.90	1.50	40	W. & C. Barber.
28	John Harn, life saving.	June 20, 1874	.....	2.20	1.00	30	C. Barber.
29	Lieut. Victor Blue (State of North Carolina).	.....	.....	.....	1.50	36	Morgan.
30	Shipwreck medal.	.....	.....	.....	2.50	40	Ellis.
31	United States Coast Survey, for gallantry and humanity.	.....	.....	.....	.50	21	Unknown.
32	Departure of American fleet.	.....	\$127.00	5.00	1.00 38x50	.....	Barber & Morgan.

WASHINGTON.

No.	Description.	Gold.	Silver.	Bronze.	Size.	Engraver.
1	Time increases his fame.	\$9.00	\$0.75	\$0.25	16	Unknown.
2	Cabinet medal.	6.00	.65	.15	13	Paquet.
3	Washington and Jac'son.	5.00	.60	.15	11	Unknown.
4	Commencement of coin cabinet.	82.00	2.65	1.00	37	Paquet.
5	Presidency relinquish'd.	32.50	1.50	1.00	25	Reich.
6	Alleviance.	16.00	.75	.25	19	Paquet.
7	Washington and Lincoln.	5.00	.60	.15	11	Unknown.
8	Washington and Grant.	5.00	.60	.15	11	Do.
9	Washington wreath.	5.00	.60	.15	11	Paquet.
10	Washington, before Boston.	5.15	2.00	.42	Duvivier.	
11	Washington, President.		1.00	48	Do.	

SECRETARIES OF THE TREASURY.

1	William Windom.	\$210.00	\$6.75	\$2.00	48	Barber & Morgan.
2	John G. Carlisle.	210.00	6.75	2.00	48	Do.
3	Daniel Manning.	210.00	6.75	2.00	48	Morgan.
4	Lyman J. Gage.	210.00	6.75	2.00	48	Barber & Morgan.
5	Leslie M. Shaw.	117.00	5.00	2.00 48 x 34	48	Do.
6	George B. Corbry.	52.00	2.25	.50 36 x 24	48	Morgan.
7	Franklin MacVeach.			2.00	48	Do.
8	Wm. G. McAdoo.			2.00	48	Do.
9	Carter Glass.			2.00	48	Do.
10	A. W. Mellon.			2.00	48	Do.

DIRECTORS OF THE MINT.

1	David Rittenhouse.	\$55.00	\$2.50	\$1.25	28	Barber.
2	Robert M. Patterson.	116.00	4.20	1.50	43	C. C. Wright.
3	J. Ross Snowden.	251.00	7.50	2.50	50	Paquet.
4	James Pollock.	169.00	6.00	2.00	48	W. Barber.
5	Henry Linderman.	169.00	6.00	2.00	48	Do.
6	Honorio C. Burchard.	169.00	6.00	2.00	48	Barber & Morgan.
7	James P. Kimball.	169.00	6.00	2.00	48	Do.
8	Edward O. Leach.	169.00	6.00	2.00	48	Do.
9	Robert E. Preston.	169.00	6.00	2.00	48	Do.
10	George E. Roberts.	169.00	6.00	2.00	48	Morgan.
11	F. J. H. Von Zedlitz.			2.00	48	Do.
12	Robert W. Woolley.			2.00	48	Do.
13	Raymond T. Baker.			2.00	48	Do.
14	F. E. Stebbins.			2.00	48	Do.

PRICE LIST OF MEDALS—Continued.

(For sale by Superintendent U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No.	Description.	Resolution of Congress.	Gold.	Silver.	Bronze.	Size.	Engraver.
1	James A. Garfield.		\$8.50	\$0.75	\$0.25	16	Barber.
2	Lincoln and Garfield.		5.00	.60	.15	11	W. & C. Barber.
3	Pennsylvania Bicentennial.		8.50	.65	.15	16	Morgan.
4	Valley Forge Centennial.		33.50	1.65	1.00	25	W. Barber.
5	Lincoln and Grant.		5.00	.60	.15	11	Do.
6	Lincoln, broken column.		5.00	.60	.15	11	Do.
7	Japanese Embassy.				2.00	43	Paquet.
8	Frederick Rose.			6.00	2.50	48	Do.
9	Louis Agassiz.	May 11, 1858	105.50	3.75	1.50	40	W. Barber.
10	Indian Peace Medal (George II).		43.00	2.00	1.00	27	Unknown.
11	Hosack.		24.25	1.25	.25	21	Fürst.
12	First Steam Coaches.		9.00	.75	.50	17	Unknown.
13	Pacific Railroad.		43.50	2.00	1.00	28	W. Barber.
14	Emancipation Proclamation.		39.50	1.75	1.00	28	Do.
15	Cyrus W. Field.	Mar. 2, 1867	261.50	16.00	5.00	64	Do.
16	Joseph Hancock.			7.00	2.00	48	Do.
17	Indian Peace (Grant).				2.00	40	Unknown.
18	Hayes, Indian Peace, oval.				2.00	48x38	Morgan.
19	Garfield, same.				2.00	48x38	Barber & Morgan.
20	Arthur, same.				2.00	48x38	Do.
21	Cleveland, same.				2.00	48x38	Do.
22	Harrison, same.				2.00	48x38	Do.
23	Let Us Have Peace (Grant).		33.50	1.75	1.00	28	W. Barber.
24	Seward-Robinson.	Mar. 1, 1871		7.00	2.50	48	Paquet.
25	United States Diplomatic, July 4, 1776.			4.50	2.00	45	Dupré.
26	Great Seal.		95.50	3.75	1.50	39	C. Barber.
27	Joseph Francis.	Aug. 27, 1858		18.80	8.00	64	St. Gaudens.
28	Lincoln Centennial.		106.00	4.50	1.00	38	Morgan.
29	Wright Brothers.	Mar. 4, 1909		5.00	1.00	52x36	Do.
30	Abraham Lincoln.				.50	32	Ellis.
31	Woodrow Wilson.				.50	32	Morgan.
32	Warren G. Harding.				.25	24	Do.
33	Calvin Coolidge.				.25	24	Do.

The following War Department medals (badges) can be purchased at the Philadelphia Mint, by those entitled to them, upon presentation of a certificate of authority which can be procured only from The Adjutant General of the U. S. Army, Washington, D. C. The price is 50 cents each for the medals, and 65 cents if extra bars and ribbons are included:

Civil War.
 Philippine Insurrection.
 China Relief Expedition.
 Indian Campaigns.
 Spanish Campaign.
 Cuban Pacification.
 Cuban Occupation.
 Porto Rican Campaign.
 Mexican Campaign.
 Certificate of Merit.

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